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SUBJ: SOVIET PRESS SUMMARY -- AUGUST 27

1. MIDDLE EAST.

A) PRAVDA STATES THAT THE SECRETARY'S MISSION "CONTINUES", AND CITES THE SECRETARY'S COMMENTS IN ALEXANDRIA THAT HE HOPED AN AGREEMENT WOULD BE CONCLUDED "IN THE COURSE OF THE PRESENT NEGOTIATIONS." PRAVDA ALSO CITES THE SECRETARY'S COMMENT THAT IF A NEW AGREEMENT WERE NOT REACHED "IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE," HE WOULD RETURN TO NEW YORK FOR THE UNGA SPECIAL SESSION AND THEN RESUME HIS MISSION IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

B. IN ACCOMPANYING ARTICLES, PRAVDA REPLAYS SELECTED QUOTES FROM WORLD PRESS REACTIONS WHICH CLAIM THAT THE EMERGING AGREEMENT DOES NOT ADDRESS ITSELF TO OTHER ELEMENTS OF THE PROBLEM. THE ALGERIAN PRESS SERVICE ALLEGEDLY STATES THAT THE NEW AGREEMENT IGNORES THE INTERESTS OF THE PALESTINIANS AND PROLONGS THE ISRAELI OCCUPATION OF ARAB TERRITORY; THE WASHINGTON POST IS QUOTED AS WRITING THAT NO ONE SHOULD HAVE ANY ILLUSIONS THAT THE NEW AGREEMENT MEANS TOTAL PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST BECAUSE THERE IS NOTHING IN THE AGREEMENT ABOUT SYRIA, JORDAN, THE PLO OR JERUSALEM; AND ACCORDING TO QUOTIDIENNE DE PARIS, THE NEW AGREEMENT SOLVES NONE OF THE BASIC POLITICAL PROBLEMS OF THE REGION, ESPECIALLY THAT OF PALESTINE.

2. U.S.-SOVIET. LITERARY GAZETTE CORRESPONDENT IN NEW YORK, IN ARTICLE LISTING GEORGE MEANY'S EFFORTS TO UNDERMINE DETENTE, MAKES REFERENCE TO RECENT THREAT TO BOYCOTT LOADING OF SOVIET MERCHANT SHIPS. ARTICLE CONTENDS SUCH ATTEMPTS CAN LEAD ONLY TO REDUCTION IN SOVIET-AMERICAN TRADE AND INCREASE IN AMERICAN UNEMPLOYMENT. NO MENTION IS MADE THAT GRAIN IS CARGO INTENDED FOR SOVIET SHIPS.

3. PORTUGAL. TASS ITEMS IN ALL CENTRAL PRESS REPORT REORGANIZATION OF REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL AND HALTING OF J-5 ACTIVITIES PENDING REORGANIZATION. ARTICLES DETAIL ACTIVITIES OF "PROVISIONAL SECRETARIAT" OF LEFTIST FORCES, AND NOTE PSP UNCLASSIFIED

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REFUSAL TO JOIN THE GROUPING. THE ARTICLES REPORT "COMPLEX SITUATION" DEVELOPING IN THE AZORES, "WHERE AN AMERICAN AIR FORCE BASE IS LOCATED." IZVESTIYA COMMENTARY (GONCHAROV) FOCUSES ON CHURCH SUPPORT OF REACTIONARY FORCES AND ACCUSES PROMINENT CHURCH MEMBERS OF PROVOKING VIOLENCE. PRAVDA COMMENTARY (KHARLANOV) REPLAYS MAIN THEMES OF AUGUST 19 "OBSERVER" COMMENTARY--CONTINUING WESTERN INTERFERENCE IN PORTUGAL'S AFFAIRS, INCLUDING EC POLITICAL PRESSURE OVER ECONOMIC

AID. PARALLEL WITH CHILE IS DRAWN IN CONNECTION WITH ITT ACTIVITIES IN PORTUGAL, AND STATEMENT MADE THAT BECAUSE OF REVELATION OF ITS EARLIER ACTIVITIES, CIA IS UNABLE TO FOLLOW COURSE OF ACTION IN PORTUGAL WHICH IT FOLLOWED IN CHILE, THOUGH IT WOULD LIKE TO. COMMENTARY ENDS WITH QUESTION OF HOW THESE ACTIVITIES CAN BE RECONCILED WITH THE SOLEMN OBLIGATIONS UNDERTAKEN IN HELSINKI.

4. CSCE. LITERARY GAZETTE POCKS FUN AT VICTOR ZORZA ARTICLE CONTENDING SOVIETS WOULD NOT PUBLISH FULL TEXT OF CSCE: ARTICLE ALLEGEDLY PUBLISHED IN PARIS MATCH AUGUST 9, WHILE FULL TEXT HAD BEEN CARRIED IN SOVIET CENTRAL PRESS AUGUST 2.

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